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GERMAN APPEAL TO SWEDISH TRADE UNIONS ABOUT TRANSIT TRAFFIC...G, ELST,
LINDBERG, "KLARA", SENATOR, GORETS (1944)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 225 ✓

20 January 1944

To the 8th Department.

The German political emigré [5 groups unrecovered]..G[i] told "KLARA"[ii]
[2 groups unrecovered] first ten days of January 1944 BEST's[iii] represent-
ative arrived in STOCKHOLM from DENMARK on a visit to the president of the
Swedish trade unions LINDBERG(iv), asking him to mediate between the
German and Swedish governments in the matter of

[24 groups unrecoverable]

and will occupy with their troops the Norwegian territory liberated by the
Germans in order to guarantee the neutrality of NORWAY. The reason for the
appeal to the president of the trade unions is the fact that German traffic
in transit is [C% continually] coming up against obstacles created by the
Swedish transport workers and the Germans would like the trade union leaders

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to exercise their influence upon the railwaymen. LINDBERG got in touch with the Swedish government, after which the German proposal was turned down. The information concerning the German appeals to the Swedish government about transit traffic and the Swedes' guarantee of NORWAY's neutrality, and also about the refusal of this through-travel was confirmed to KLARA by SENATOR[v] and GORETs[vi].

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VALERIAN[vii]

Footnotes: [i] ...G. Not traced.

✓ [ii] KLARA:

[iii] BEST: Dr Werner BEST, German Plenipotentiary in DENMARK.

✓ [iv] LINDBERG: (Karl) August LINDBERG, President of the Confederation of Swedish Trade Unions (LO).

* [v] SENATOR:

✓ [vi] GORETs:

* [vii] VALERIAN: Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN.

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